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In re the Application of:

CHENEBAUX et al.

Serial No.: 09/147,362

Art Unit: J. Parkin

Filed: March 12, 1999

Examiner: 1648

For: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES USEFUL IN BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS FOR DETECTING
INFECTIONS CAUSED BY GROUP O HIV-1 VIRUSES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the instant Amendment in response to the Office action mailed March 29, 2001.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Enter the Abstract attached, hereto, on a separate page.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-30 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims.

--31. Synthetic peptides of the monomer type with 13 to 33 amino acids, in linear form or in
a form cyclized by means of inter-cysteine disulphide bridges, having the general formula (I):